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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Dear Sir:

Our records indicate we have not received any communication from the Patent Office in connection with the above-identified patent application since a Preliminary Amendment was filed on July 26, 2005.

Accordingly, Applicants request an update concerning the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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